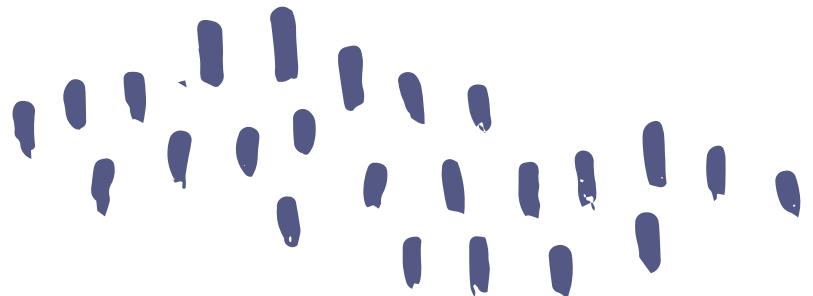


MONTH 1

Creator & Deliverer



Genesis & Exodus



Intro



Hello!

Thank you for your desire to read the Bible and to know Jesus deeply. Time in God's Word never returns void. I can assure you with complete confidence that God will be faithful to you as you seek Him. There is nothing as fulfilling, exciting, and life-giving as walking with Jesus!

My hope is that through the pages of this book you will read the Bible to encounter the Almighty God. That you will know what He did, but also who He IS! My prayer is that you won't just come away with information, but that you will be different. That you will be a disciple of Jesus Christ and a light shining in a dark world. A radical lover of Jesus who will listen, hear and obey the Holy Spirit.

A listen, hear, and obey lifestyle will turn your world upside down in the best way! Welcome God's power into your everyday life as you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness!

No matter who you are or who you were, Jesus loves you.
If you were raised a Christian or not.
If you wandered away or stayed faithful.
If you are the worst person you know.
Jesus STILL loves you.

He leaves the ninety-nine for the one, friend. If you are a wandered away one and you have this book, you better believe that Jesus has come after you because He loves you! If you've cooled off and you're living lukewarm, repent and get ready to be on fire for the King of kings and the Lord of lords!

I was a wandered away one. I'm no one special, but I can tell you that God calls ordinary people. You're going to meet plenty of unqualified people in Scripture that God equipped and used in mighty ways for His glory. If you're a nobody, you are EXACTLY who God is looking for.

For and because of the LOVE of Jesus

 Meghann

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Symbol Guide



Go through this section before you begin your study time



Use this space to write the verse at the top of the page or pick a single verse to work on throughout the month.



Use this section to write any personal notes or observations as you work through the reading.



One key theme or take away to focus in on from the reading.



A built-in reminder to take time to praise and worship the LORD. Praise is essential. Read 2 Chronicles 20 and Acts 16:16-40 for powerful examples. It is also the single best way to fix our eyes on the LORD and to remember why we want to spend time in the Word - and immense love and reverence for God!



Word studies take you back to the original languages. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, the New Testament in Greek. You will need to use a tool like [studylight.org](#) or Blue Letter Bible app for this. Go through and define each of the words on days when multiple are listed. Note the Scripture context for days when one word is studied, and Scripture references are provided.

The Complete Bible in a Year Outline



Old Testament	Month 1	Genesis and Exodus
	Month 2	Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy
	Month 3	Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel
	Month 4	1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles
	Month 5	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job
	Month 6	The Book of Psalm
	Month 7	Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
	Month 8	Isaiah and Jeremiah
	Month 9	Ezekial, Daniel, and the Minor Prophets
	Month 10	The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
	Month 11	Acts + Paul's Letters
	Month 12	Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1,2,3 John, Jude, Revelation
New Testament		

Keep in mind as you read the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures, this is what Jesus read and taught. It is a large portion of the Bible and is essential to understanding the New Testament. It is what the New Testament Church studied and tested everything to. As you read, allow God to teach you and reveal the truth from His Word. The OT and NT are deeply connected. The OT prophecies much of the NT, and the NT quotes much of the OT.

*This study covers month 1, I intend to continue creating the subsequent months in similar fashion, Lord willing.

Day 1

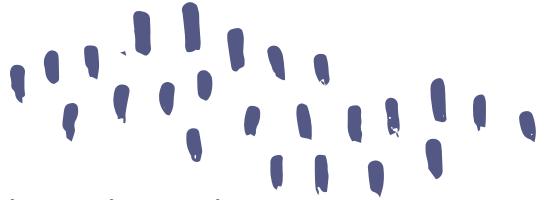
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Genesis 1-4



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Spend time praying.
- Acknowledge God as holy and worthy.
- Invite the Holy Spirit into your study time.
- Ask God to help you to listen, hear, and obey.



WRITE THE WORD

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:1-2



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "I Love Your Presence"
by Let Us Worship

Notes

Write specifically the curse of sin for man and woman. What did God make for Adam and Eve? How did he protect them through part of their punishment? (3:22)



Study Questions



1. What did God do in Genesis 1:3-5? What was the pattern established for the day? What did God separate?

2. Look at Genesis 1:14-18. Why did God create the lights? Look at specifics and list all of them. (There are several reasons)

3. Look at Genesis 1:26-27 Whose image was man and woman made in? Notice "our", the word used here in Hebrew is plural.

4. What did God do on the seventh day? How did He make it different than every other day? (2:2)

5. What picture did God give of sin? What did He instruct be done about it? (4:7)

6. What punishment did Cain pronounce on himself? How did God show mercy to Cain?



The Word of God created the entire universe, the whole world. John 1:1 describes Jesus as the Word who was in the beginning. We cannot miss the importance of the plurality of the One, True God. It is a foundational Scripture truth. The bitter sting of sin is forever evident. Praise God that when we pick up the Bible we know how this story ends! The God and Creator who pronounced the punishment for sin also sent His own Son to be the sacrifice for that sin.



Day 2

READ

Genesis 5-9



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray Psalm 119:137.
- Ask God to give you clean hands and a pure heart.
- Pray that God will show you ways to seek first His kingdom today.



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♫ Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Protector"
by Kim Walker Smith

Notes

Noah is the first human that God made a covenant with. Covenant is a precious concept. Our God is a covenant making and covenant keeping God. What was God's covenant with Noah? Do we still live with the blessing of this covenant?



Study Questions



1. What did Lamech speak over his son Noah? (5:29)

2. What did God see about people? (6:5)

3. What do we learn about Noah in Genesis 6:8-9? What did he find in God's eyes? What was he declared?

4. Why did God cause a wind to blow on the earth?

5. What did God say when He smelled the pleasing aroma of Noah's sacrifice?

6. What was God's sign He gave Noah of the covenant He made?

In a world full of wickedness do you have the courage to be a Noah?

To choose righteousness and obedience to God over the fleeting "pleasure" of sin?

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, you and I are equipped to be like Noah. To stand righteous in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation. One of the ways that we shine like stars is to do everything without grumbling and complaining. Even if God asks you to take on an ark sized project, choose not to doubt and complain. Remain faithful to whatever God calls you to, even if culture mocks you. Read Philippians 2:12-16. Make every effort to shine!

Day 3

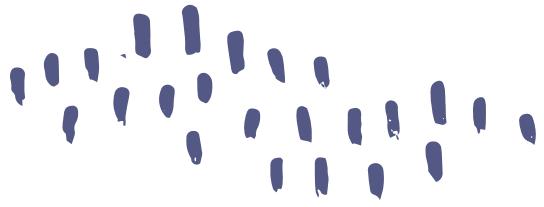
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Genesis 10-11



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Ps. 122:6)
- Praise God for His righteous rules. (Ps. 119:164)



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♫ Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Gratitude"
by Brandon Lake



Notes

Notice why God hindered the tower of Babel. It is important that we don't become prideful or arrogant in our ability. God is able to mix things up so quickly!

Today is a bit of a recap before we start the next foundational story of Abraham. Most of today's reading was genealogy. Genealogy, although sometimes less than exciting, is important because it proves who someone is or was. Make note of names you recognize. Many of the names you read today will be repeated in various ways throughout the upcoming text. Make note of which of Noah's sons Abram descended from.

Creation Please write what God made on each of these days.

Day 1-

Day 2-

Day 3-

Day 4-

Day 5-

Day 6-

Day 7-



Noah, the ark, & the flood Please write the event from Scripture.

Genesis 6:13-14-

Genesis 6:19-22 -

Genesis 7:4, 6, 10 -

Genesis 11-12-

Genesis 17-20, 24-

Genesis 8:2-5-

Genesis 8:6-12-

Genesis 8:13-18-



Day 4

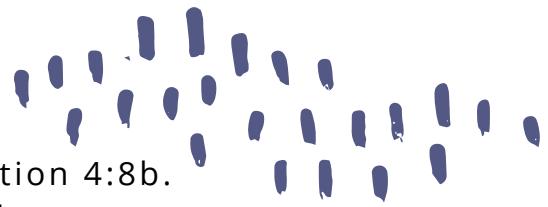
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Genesis 12-15



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Praise God with Revelation 4:8b.
- Pray Matthew 24:20, "that your flight will not take place in the winter or on the Sabbath".



WRITE THE WORD

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♫ Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Mountain of the LORD" by Joshua Aaron

Notes

Melchizedek "king of righteousness" is talked about in Hebrews with the explanation of Jesus as our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-7). Please look at Hebrews 7 and write what Melchizedek is called and his connection to Jesus.



Study Questions



1. What instruction did God give Abram in Genesis 12:1? What do we know about Abram's father from the end of chapter 11? Why do you think Terah stopped short of Canaan?

2. Record all of God's promises Abram. (Some will require you to look ahead). (13:15-16 & 15:1,4-5)

Genesis 13:1-3

Genesis 13:14-17

Genesis 15:1

Genesis 17:1-21

3. What did God make with Abram and how did He do it? (15:4-21)

Reality vs. the call.

Often when God calls people, their reality looks nothing like their call and promise. God often chooses unlikely people! His best doesn't always look like ours. It lacks the limitations we place on ourselves, and sometimes it requires sacrifice. It may feel uncomfortable, but it is always a good adventure, and never boring. There is nothing that can compare with the sweetness of walking with the Lord. Nothing the world offers comes remotely close. Trust me. I've tried. And when I hit the bottom of the pit, I suddenly realized the blessing I had lived with because I have parents who fear the LORD. You see, I didn't know what life was like absent the protection and provision of God. But when I stepped out from that and experienced the mess, chaos, and anxiety that the world offers...well, I went running back to the Father I had left. And thankfully He waits with open arms for His children!

When the LORD called Abram his reality was no land, no children, and a barren wife. He was 75 years old, and his father had already stopped short of where he was headed. That was his reality. BUT- Abram **believed** God and he **obeyed**.

Take a moment to take stock of your reality. Pray that God will give you a call greater than your reality and that you will have the faith to believe God for it. Don't settle for stopping short, even if your parents did. God calls each of us to greater faith. To more belief in His power and purpose. We have the free will to decide if we will choose covenant with God and live for His kingdom to come. Whatever level of faith you have been living to, consider this a challenge to make this the season you go to the next level of believing God!

Word Studies: COVENANT: Berîyth, Strong's #1285

Covenant is a beautiful Scripture truth. We started to study covenant on day 2. God makes a covenant with Noah. Now we see God made a covenant with Abram. Covenant is significant throughout the entire Bible. As believers in Jesus, we live the New Covenant. A covenant that Jesus made with His blood shed on the cross for us, is symbolized by the wine that He used as a remembrance at Passover with His disciples. Both the use of covenant with Noah and the use of covenant with Abram is between God and man. Humans have little to offer to God aside from obedience and faith. Noah and Abram both showed these, and God was willing to enter into a special relationship with them.

Day 5

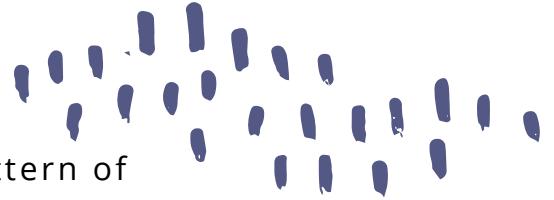
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Genesis 16-19



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Worship God in the pattern of Revelation 4:11.
- Ask God to speak clear promises to you and His calling on your life.



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♫ Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Throne Room"
by Kim Walker Smith

Notes

Sarai gave Abram instructions that you and I can easily see as bad advice. Perhaps good-intentioned, but nonetheless harmful. What other husband earlier in Genesis listened to the voice of his wife? How did both situations work out?



Study Questions



1. What was Sarai and Hagar's relationship? How did their relationship change with Hagar's pregnancy?

2. How did Abram respond to God's word of covenant to him? (17:1-4)

3. Why was Abram's name changed? (17:5-6)

4. What is the sign of the everlasting covenant that God made with Abraham? Be specific. (17:9-13)

5. What word did the three visitors bring to Abraham and Sarah? How was this a confirmation of what the LORD had already promised?

6. What did Abraham's bold statement to God in Genesis 18:23 reveal about what Abraham knew of God's character?

One of the most important things we can learn is to guard our mouths and to be careful what we speak. The Bible says that life and death are in the power of the tongue. The Bible offers many, many, cautions about our words. If you're a talker, this may be the single hardest lesson you will ever have to learn. The help of the Holy Spirit is essential. Repentance, when we fail, is a must.

The importance of this for wives is seen clearly in both Eve and Sarah's lives. It is easy to see from this side of history that Eve and Sarah may have chosen to hold their advice to their husbands if they could have seen the outcome. We don't always have the opportunity to know what our words will produce, and often we can't change what we say or do. There is forgiveness when we say what we shouldn't, but it doesn't mean we won't live with consequences. Ask God to help you to be able to see moments when you should have held your advice. Ask the Lord to help you to be careful to bring your husband (or future husband) good and not harm. Ask for discernment before offering advice. Let your words be rooted in the truth of God's Word!



Word Studies: Everlasting "ôlâm" Strong's #5769

Of long duration, forever, always, continuous. God's covenants with Noah and Abraham were not made to be broken. These were "everlasting" covenants. They were, and still continue, throughout time, representative of something that God promised and gave to men of faith. Although individual people do not live forever, these covenants were created to outlast the individual that God initially made them with. They are handed down as a sign of God's faithfulness as a covenant-keeping Father. They are a reminder of relationships He established. They are timeless promises from the Creator. These everlasting covenants tell us from the moment we learn of them that God keeps His word. They give us hope in faith and knowledge that the God whom we know kept His promise to Abraham and Noah is the same God we serve.

We live with the blessing of the covenant
made in Jesus' own blood!



Day 6

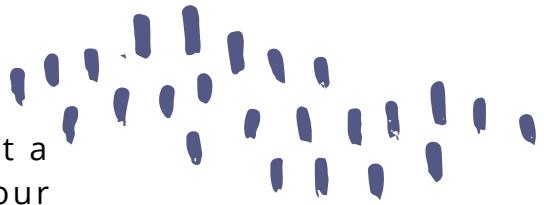
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Genesis 20-23



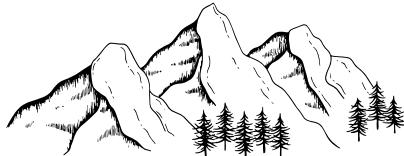
BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray that the Lord will set a guard over the door of your mouth. (Ps. 141:3-4)
- Pray 2 Peter 1:3-5.



WRITE THE WORD

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🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "The Blessing"
by Kari Jobe

Notes

Abimelech's dream is the first dream recorded in Scripture. The Hebrew meaning of dream can signify prophetic dreams and regular dreams. We are told in Scripture that Abimelech's dream is from God.

What was the purpose of his dream? (Genesis 20:3)



Study Questions



1. What did Abraham think about the residents of Gerar? Was he right?

2. What instruction does God give to Abraham concerning Sarah? God can speak through wives to get the word He wants heard across!
(v.22:12)

3. What did God do for Hagar? Was the well there all along? What do you think God meant by saying He opened her eyes to see the well?
(v. 21:19)

4. Who made a covenant in Genesis 21:27? *Note this is the first covenant between two humans recorded in Scripture.

Will you return to God what He has gifted you? No matter the cost? Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son whom God had blessed him with is remarkable in more ways than one. Abraham exhibited great faith. Notice his confession that he knew that God could even raise his son back to life! On this side of the cross, the parallels to God sending and offering His only begotten Son on our behalf are astounding. When Jesus went to the cross for us there was no option to find another acceptable sacrifice. Only the blood of the spotless Lamb of God could take away the sins of the world. As Hebrews 10:4 says, "It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins". Though continually offered, everyone was awaiting the perfect Sacrifice to come. Make every effort to share the amazing sacrifice of Jesus! Sharing the gospel is for everyone. It isn't for a special group of people. If you have chosen to accept what Jesus has done, start sharing!

Day 7

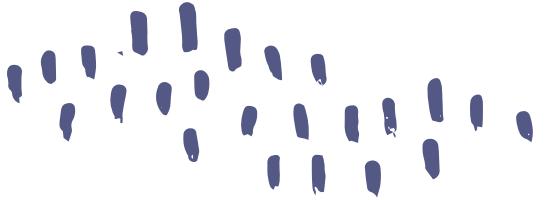
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Genesis 24-26



WRITE THE WORD

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 - Worship God for the splendor of His holiness.
(Ps.96)
 - Pray that you will value what God values.



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Please listen to and worship with "Zion"
by Aaron Shust



Throughout Scripture, the firstborn son has a special place. Often it comes with a special blessing, and eventually with the need for redemption. For Esau to despise this right was a shame. How did he despise his birthright?



Study Questions



1. What did Abraham ask his servant to do? (24:2-8)

2. How did Abraham's servant pray? How did God answer? What was the servant's response to God's faithfulness?

3. Why was Isaac in the field when Rebekah arrived? (24:63)

What was Isaac's response to Rebekah (v.24:67)

4. What was Abraham's second wife's name? How many sons did they have? What did Abraham do with his sons? (25:1-5)

5. How old was Abraham when he died? Who buried him? How was Abraham's life described? (25:7-11)

6. What did Isaac do when Rebekah was barren? What did Rebekah do when her babies jostled within her? How did God respond? (25:21-26)

7. What behavior similar to his father's do we see Isaac repeat in Genesis 26?

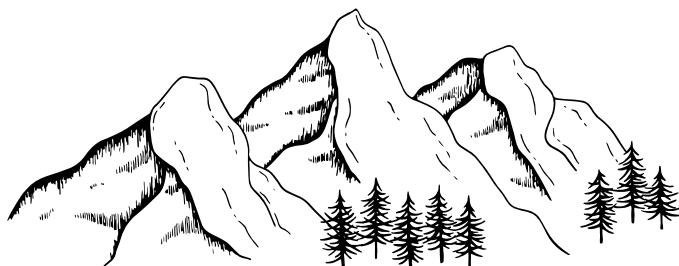
The sin of the father being vested on the children is a deep Biblical principle. Perhaps you've heard of generational curses. This pattern is expressed in Exodus 34 and is mentioned throughout Scripture. We see in today's reading that Isaac repeats the behavior of his father. In our families, sometimes we see a behavior pattern, and we repeat it. Most would agree that without intention, the likelihood of repeating the behavior of your parents is strong. However, in Christ, we have the Holy Spirit to deliver us and help us to overcome sin.

We have a heritage of those who fear the Lord that comes apart from our natural family. We are welcomed into the family of the LORD. Read Ezekiel 18:20. "The one who sins is the one who will die. The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them."

We do not have to repeat patterns of broken behavior. As believers in Jesus, we have the help of the Holy Spirit, and we have all that we need for life and godliness!

If you come from a family line of broken behavior ask God to forgive you and your family for sin against Him (see Daniel 9 for a pattern of repenting for those before you).

Ask God to have mercy on you, and, by His great power, break the patterns of sin in your family. If you have children, pray that the Lord would deliver them from repeating the sins of their family before them. Trust in the blood of Jesus to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Resolve to align your behavior with the Word of God, and pray that the Holy Spirit will help you. When we are weak, God is strong. In our weakness, His power is made perfect.



Day 8

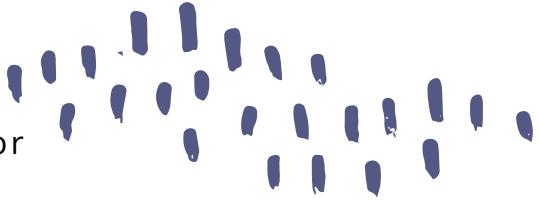
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Genesis 27-30



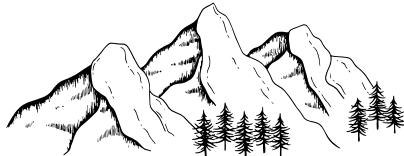
BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray Philippians 1:9-11 for yourself and for a friend.
- Praise God through Psalm 145.



WRITE THE WORD

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🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Forgiven"
by Crowder

Notes

Deceit. Most of us aren't fans. In today's reading, Jacob is both a deceiver and the deceived. What were the circumstances of each?



Study Questions



1. What was Jacob's response to God appearing to him in a dream?
(28:16)

2. How did Rachel and Laban respond to Jacob's arrival?

3. Which woman did Jacob love? How was he tricked? How long did he serve Laban for Rachel and Leah? Were there seven years between his marriages to them?

4. Why did the Lord open Leah's womb?

5. Leah's son's names are a deep reflection of her heart and journey with God. Write them here in order with their meanings.

Perhaps like me, all you can think about today is poor Leah! Most of us easily sympathize with the shame she must have experienced. As evidenced by her first son's name she considered herself under affliction and wanted her husband to love her. If you have experienced trouble having children or know someone who has, maybe Rachel tugs at your heart. It is both a comfort and sadness to know that the same struggles we face have been faced for thousands of years. What is incredible about Jacob's less-than-perfect family is the fact that from this "his, hers, and really hers" situation, God chose His people. He calls them a treasured possession!

Day 9

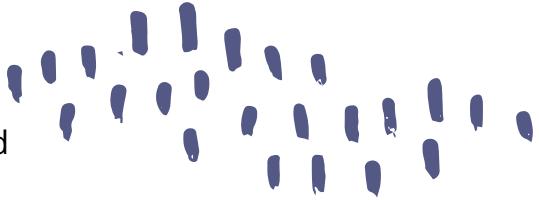
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Genesis 31-33



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray Psalm 139:23-24 and invite God to search you and know you.
- Praise the LORD with your whole heart. (Ps. 138:1)



Please listen to and worship with "Yeshua"
by Let Us Worship

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WRITE THE WORD



Notes

Peniel means "facing God". Jacob's experience facing God left him changed. What physical effect did he have and what was he given?



Study Questions



1. Why did Jacob take his family and flee from Laban?

2. What met Jacob in Genesis 32:1?

3. How did Jacob's behavior 20 years prior effect his return to Canaan?

4. What did Jacob do when he was anxious about meeting his brother?
(32:9-12)

6. How did Esau receive Jacob?

Do you struggle with holding grudges? Jacob expected that Esau would. Yet, after many years, Esau went from murderous to welcoming. Holding grudges is a struggle we must overcome because Jesus simply does not tolerate unforgiveness. Since we have been forgiven so much, we must forgive others. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray this was an important point He made. Read Matthew 6:9-14. How does Jesus follow the famous "Lord's Prayer"? He requires that we MUST forgive. He literally says we will not be forgiven if we do not forgive. Throughout His ministry, Jesus reiterated this point. He shows us this in action through His own death. As he hung on the cross He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". Jesus didn't deserve death. Jesus didn't deserve mockery, scorning, or pain. He spent years of his life serving and teaching the people who put Him to an unjust death. We must simply recognize that Jesus Christ forgave, therefore we must forgive. No matter what. It is not an option to hold onto unforgiveness.

Day 10

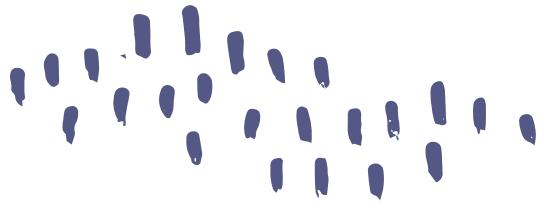
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Genesis 34-36



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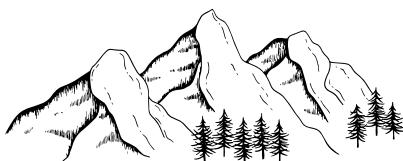
- Pray Matthew 6:9-13.
- Give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever. (2 Chron. 20:21)



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "See a Victory"
by Elevation Worship

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WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Have you noticed the importance of names as we have read through Genesis? Many names hold significance. What names and meanings have stood out to you?



Study Questions



1. Does Dinah's story upset you?

2. Do you feel her brothers did the right or wrong thing?

3. What does Jacob instruct his family to do in Genesis 35:2-3?

4. What does Bethel mean?

Remember before you started this study how I reminded you that every person in the Bible until Jesus was imperfect and was surrounded by imperfect people? The bad news we read prevailed until the Good News of Jesus. Much of the Old Testament (OT) talks about the Good News that was to come. The bulk of the rest of the OT shows why that Good News was so needed! Maybe you relate with Dinah and the injustice and hurt she experienced. I wish I could tell you her story was a one-off and that it's the last "messed up" Bible story you'll read this year...but that simply isn't true. We know, that although we aren't told Dinah's feelings or her story from her perspective, God was with her. As we saw with Leah, God doesn't forget the hurting and mistreated.

What we do with what happens to us makes or breaks the story of our lives. Without Jesus, the enemy runs rampant. We will be tormented and victimized at every turn if the enemy has his way. When Jesus comes in, He takes the old and makes us into a new creation! The old is gone, His new comes.

No matter what has happened to you in your life, you can trust that you haven't horrified Jesus beyond loving you. Nothing is going to shock Him, and He didn't cause evil in your life. He can use what the enemy meant for evil and turn it into good. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. Trust the LORD to continue to give you a testimony of praise to Him.

Day 11

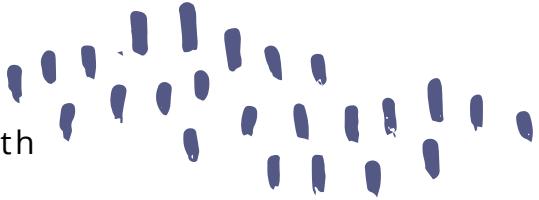
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Genesis 37-39



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray the Lord's Prayer with intention and meaning.
- Ask God to give you specific instruction through the Holy Spirit to obey today.



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Give Me Jesus"
by Fernando Ortega

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:1-2



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

There is a consistent theme in Joseph's life that we see in Genesis 39. The LORD was with Joseph. Look at Genesis 39:2, 5, and 23. How did the LORD being with Joseph impact his reality?



Study Questions



1. Joseph was his father's favorite. How did that favor change his relationship with his brothers?

2. What were Joseph's two dreams and how did his family perceive them?

3. Which of Joseph's brothers spoke up to save his life?

4. In the story of Judah and Tamar, what did Judah realize about Tamar? (38:26)

Favor from the LORD on our life doesn't always make the people around us excited. Jealousy, competition, and discomfort can all rear their ugly heads. We see this in Joseph's life. His family wasn't overly impressed (to put it lightly!) at the favor on his life from both his earthly father and his heavenly Father.

Perhaps you've lived on the side of not feeling chosen or favored. It hurts to not be the one who is chosen or favored. If we purpose to respond with humility, God will choose us. He says that He opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. The surest way to receive compassion and grace from God is to respond to every situation with humility and forgiveness.

One important lesson we can learn from many of the Bible stories we have read thus far is the harm of favoring one child over the other. Pitting siblings against one another or bestowing favor on one while depriving another is not Christ-like. As believers, we should strive to build each of our children up in love and value them as an important part of the body of Christ. Look for opportunities to see the gift of the Holy Spirit in your family members and encourage them to use those for the glory of God!

Day 12

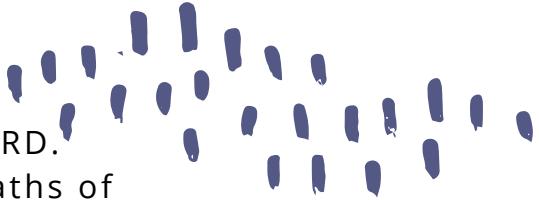
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Genesis 40-42



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the name of the LORD.
- Ask God to lead you in paths of righteousness for His namesake.



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Worthy"
by Let Us Worship

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:1-2



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Have you ever had a dream from God? When God gives a dream, He sends an interpretation for it. Sometimes it comes through another person, but always the interpretation is from God. What was Joseph's response to God giving him the interpretation of dreams?



Study Questions



1. When and why did the baker decide to tell Joseph his dream?

2. Compare and contrast the dream of the baker and the cupbearer. Did both come true? How was their position reflected in their dream?

3. Note Genesis 40:23. How many years passed? (41:1)

4. How old was Joseph when he entered Pharaoh's service? What was his advice to Pharaoh and what part did he play in making it happen?

One day. Joseph went from a prison to a palace in one day. Have you ever had one day change everything? Hopefully for good, but perhaps you have experienced one day of tragedy that changed everything. Allow me to remind you, Joseph did too. In one day, Joseph went from the favored son of his father to a pit, to a slave. Yet, in one day God restored him and honored him.

I want to remind you if you are in a pit or prison (both literally or figuratively) God has not left you. He never will. Do not lose heart. In one day, He can change everything. God is against those who are proud, but to the humble He gives grace. Praise Him in the pit. Praise Him in the prison. In our lowest of lows, we can still be the treasured possession of the Almighty God. We aren't told in Scripture everything Joseph thought and felt. But, remember his prophetic dreams. Perhaps his unwavering trust in God gave him hope when it seemed like all was lost. He knew what God had shown him, and he trusted that it would happen.

Invite God to give you dreams from Him. You will know they are from Him. And when He does, thank Him and ask Him for the interpretation. He is faithful. Nothing is withheld from us as His children.

Day 13

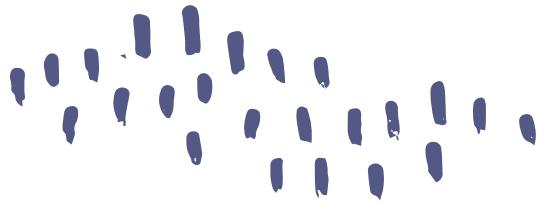
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Genesis 43-45



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Praise the holy name of the Lord.
- Thank Him for His steadfast love.
- Ask the LORD to try you and examine your heart and mind. (Ps.26:2)



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "I Can Only Imagine"
by MercyMe

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:1-2



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Joseph's attitude is remarkable. Read Genesis 45:7 again. How did he explain his situation to his brothers?

Have you ever had a time when God had you endure trials to be of help to someone else? Explain.



Study Questions



1. What did Joseph use his cup for? (44:5) Note that God prohibits this once the people leave Egypt.

2. How did Joseph test his brothers? What did this reveal to him?

3. How were Joseph's dreams from God fulfilled? Do you think this is how he expected them to be fulfilled when God gave them to him?

4. Explain Jacob/Israel's reaction to hearing that Joseph was alive.

Joseph's brothers were being tested when they did not know it. He was testing them to see what was in their heart and to see if they had changed their ways. They proved that they had learned from the experience of selling him into slavery. Their remorse and concern for their father were evident in their encounter with Joseph. Although Joseph had spent many years in Egypt, he never lost sight of why he was there. He confidently acknowledged that God had sent him before his family to preserve life.

Having an attitude of being willing to endure trials for the greater good and acknowledging that God allows trials to mature us takes faith. Endurance in the face of difficulty is a highly prized subject in the NT. Please look up the following verses.

James 1:1-18

Romans 12:9-24

Hebrews 12:1-12

What is the theme of these passages?

Day 14

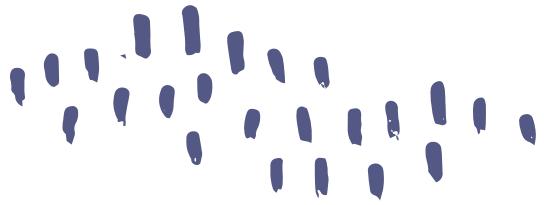
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Genesis 46-48



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Ask God to renew your mind in Christ.
- With thanksgiving, present your requests to God.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Jireh"
by Maverick City Music

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:1-2



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Today's reading represents a significant event in Israel's history. A moving out of the Promised Land and down to Egypt. Who was given the Promised Land? Why did Israel and his family leave this land?



Study Questions



1. How did God appear to Jacob? What did God tell him?

2. How many Israelites went down to Egypt? What part of Egypt did the Israelites go to and why?

3. What did the Egyptians give in exchange for food to survive the famine? What percent of their crops did the people have to give to Pharaoh?

4. Has God ever spoken to you through the Holy Spirit? If so, explain a time He guided you. If not, ask Him to guide and direct your steps.

God's plan of redemption was in place before there was ever a problem. In Genesis 15:13 God told Abraham that his descendants would make a move to a country not their own. He told him the timeline of their time in that land and that He intended to bring them back to the Promised land. We are getting a little bit ahead of the story...

For now, it's important to know that nothing takes God by surprise. He knew this was going to happen before Joseph was ever born, He sent Joseph ahead of the rest of the Israelites, and He made a way for them to go down to Egypt. He assured Jacob/Israel that he should not be afraid to go to Egypt and that He had a plan to make Jacob a great nation there.

It is hard for us to accept that sometimes God will send us to a place or situation, that from the human eye, does not look "right". Yet, He has a plan and a purpose. We struggle to wait. We struggle to see God in the less-than-ideal. He does not leave us. Just as He reassured Jacob, so we can trust Him to speak to us and lead us. If we go to an "Egypt" even there does His hand guide us and hold us fast.

Day 15

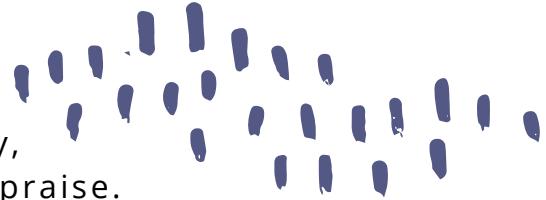
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Genesis 46-48



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Acknowledge God as holy, awesome, and worthy of praise.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal the truth from God's Word.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Blessed Be Your Name" by Tree63

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. **Genesis 1:1-2**



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Jesus is descended from the tribe of Judah. Jacob's blessing of Judah was very prophetic. Write Genesis 49:10 here. Although it was many, many years before Jesus arrived as Savior, the plan was long in place.



Study Questions



1. How did Jacob begin his speech to his sons?

2. Explain how Jacob's "blessing" of Reuben reflects Reuben's actions from the past.

3. Explain how Jacob's "blessing" of Simeon and Levi reflects their actions in the past.

4. Which son was the first to receive words that someone would want to be blessed with?

5. How did Joseph reassure his brothers in Genesis 50:19-21? How did he speak to them?

From Creation to Abraham, Abraham to the Israelites. From the Garden of Eden to the Promised Land. The Promised land to Egypt. Genesis is a packed story- God's story. Yet, it is only the beginning. A sure pattern we can be confident of: Those who trust and obey God receive extraordinary blessings and promises. Those who fail to follow the heart and instructions of God suffer for their actions. God is merciful and gracious, abounding in steadfast love.

What story from Genesis stuck with you? What is something that the Lord taught you during this study of Genesis?

Day 16

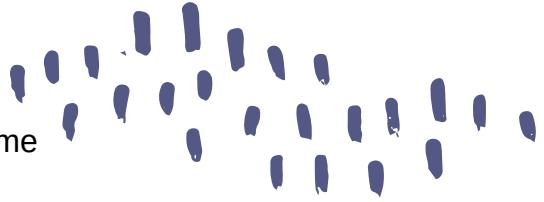
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Exodus 1-3



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Ask God that His mercy may come to you that you may live.
- Take a moment to be still and know that Yahweh is God. He will be exalted in the heavens and on the earth.



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Yes I Will"
by Verticle Worship

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Moses. The one whom God chose to deliver His people from slavery. What was the meaning of his name? Who raised Moses? Did he maintain his identity as a Hebrew? (2:19)



Study Questions



1. What were Pharaoh's orders over the Hebrew baby boys? Who intervened to try to stop the destruction of the baby boys and why? How did God reward them?

2. Describe the Israelite's situation in Egypt. What did the Israelites do? (2:23-24) How did God respond?

3. Where did Moses flee and live? Whom did Moses marry and how did he meet her?

4. What happened when Moses was tending his father-in-law's sheep? How did the LORD appear to him? Why did the LORD appear to Moses? (3:7-9)

God preserved Moses alive for a very special purpose. Yet, many, many years went by before that purpose was revealed. It is likely that his parents, who went to great lengths to save him, were not alive to witness how God used their children. Their obedience and faithfulness produced children who would lead God's people to freedom!

Moses didn't have an identity or a homeland. He was a Hebrew by birth, an Egyptian by looks, and he was sojourning in Midian. However, he was chosen by God for a very great purpose. God doesn't choose people who fit the bill by the world's standards. God could have used Aaron and left Moses out of it. But He didn't. Throughout Scripture we see God use unlikely people to accomplish His purposes. Unlikely people don't take the credit; they are willing to give God the glory.

Moses was going about his day-to-day work when suddenly the LORD Almighty appeared to him. Immediately God identified Himself. "The God of your father. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Moses likely had encountered plenty of false gods in his time being raised as an Egyptian. Yet, the God of his father was the one above them all. The only true God. Moses knew He deserved reverence. When God explained why He was speaking to Moses, Moses responded with, "Who am I?" He knew he was an unlikely choice. Yet the solution was simple. God's response, "I will be with you", is the only answer an unlikely person ever needs. God gave Moses two important details about what would come after deliverance. These are worth taking note of. When you see them fulfilled later on in the story, you can recognize God's faithfulness.

First - God told Moses that he would worship Him on "this mountain". Second - God told Moses the people would not leave empty-handed, the Egyptians would be favorably disposed to the Israelites, and that the Israelites will plunder the Egyptians.

Keep in mind that the glimpse of these two things did not mean Moses got the whole picture. When God speaks to us either directly or through another person, He often gives us certain markers and amazing things to recognize His faithfulness. Things we can be excited about and press on toward. But He doesn't always allow us to see the plagues that precede the plunder. He doesn't always share the trials that bring victory and freedom. Perhaps He knows us so well. If we saw the plagues would we sign up? If we saw the desert would we get up and move? He is a sovereign God. He is a merciful and wise Father. He knows what we need to know and when we need to know it. More importantly, He promises to be with us. To never leave us or forsake us. We can partner with His plan without fear of the future. We can trust Him.

The Name of God

Moses asked for God's name. God revealed Himself as "I AM WHO I AM". The statement "I AM WHO I AM" in Hebrew essentially means "to exist". In Exodus 3:15-16 the LORD then says that Moses should tell the people YHWH sent him, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God often identifies Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Note that in verse 16 God specifically said that this is His name forever and that He should be called this throughout generations. When you see "the LORD" in your Bible it is actually "YHWH". This is called the tetragrammaton. Because there are no vowels in this word, is it essentially untranslatable. KJV translates the tetragrammaton as Jehovah. However, in Hebrew, there is actually not a "j" sound. (And yes, this applies to other names too!) Yahwey or Yahweh is another popular translation. Most scholars agree on Yahweh as being the most accurate. It is important to know that God did have a specific name that set Him apart from every other god. The Jewish people do not say His name because they view it as too holy to speak. (Observe that in the 10 Commandments we are told not to take His name in vain. We are not told to avoid saying it.) Instead, they say "HaShem" meaning "the name" or "Ädonai" meaning "my Lord". Regardless of how you decide to pronounce the name of our awesome Father, be sure not to divide with others over pronunciation.

For more study look up Strong's #1961 and Strong's #3068.

Day 17

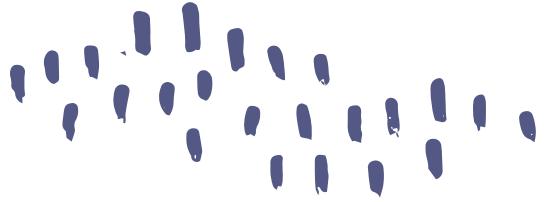
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Exodus 4-6



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the name of the LORD, Yahweh.
- Ask God to let the words of your mouth be pleasing in His sight. Ask Him to give you clean hands and a pure heart.



♪ Worship

Please listen to and worship with "High and Lifted Up" by Let Us Worship

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

The Exodus is a story of God's deliverance of His people. It is also representative of God delivering us from sin. The parallels and Biblical significance run deep. Look up Deuteronomy 18:15. Who is this talking about? Who does Moses parallel in our deliverance from sin? Begin to look for similarities as we journey through Scripture.



Study Questions



1. What miracles did God give to Moses to validate him to the Israelites?

2. How did the LORD respond to Moses' concern that he was not good at speaking? (4:11-12) Who did He send with him and why?

3. What covenant sign did Zipporah perform on their way to Egypt?

4. How did the people respond to hearing that the LORD had seen their affliction?

5. What was Moses' and Aaron's initial reason they gave to Pharaoh for letting the people go?

6. What happened to the people when Moses went to Pharaoh? How did the people respond to the worsening of their situation?

7. What did God tell Moses to say in Exodus 6:5-8? Did the people listen? Why not?

The people were in such rough shape from being oppressed and harshly treated that they could not listen to Moses' word from God. Perhaps you can relate. Have you ever been so discouraged that you could not seem to listen to God? From Moses' perspective, the way he talked was the issue. But the truth was, the people were just so down-trodden they could not hear. Thankfully, God in His mercy knew this. He was about to show His power in a way that would open ears and eyes!

In James 5:13-14, we are given a list of situations and responses. I love that a sick person is to call the elders of the Church to do the praying! Sometimes our circumstances will put us in such a down-trodden state that we simply need assistance.

Day 18

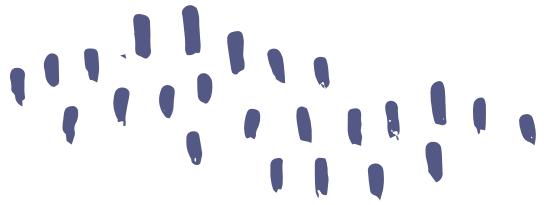
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Exodus 7-11



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the name of the LORD, Yahweh.
- Ask God to let the words of your mouth be pleasing in His sight. Ask Him to give you clean hands and a pure heart.



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Marked"
by Eddie James

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

It is undeniable that the enemy has power. But, never forget that God has more. Do not underestimate the enemy as if he is simply a made-up character or something that people make too much of. But do not overestimate him. Focus on Exodus 7:8-13. What were the magicians able to do? How do we see that God's power is greater?



Study Questions



1. How many plagues were the Egyptian magicians able to replicate?

2. Although the magicians could imitate some of what was already done by God, they had no power to remove the plagues. How were the plagues removed?

3. What plague did God draw a distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians? What plagues did the Israelites experience?

4. How is Pharaoh's heart described? What "deals" did Pharaoh try to make with Moses and Aaron?

5. Exodus 11:2-3 fulfilled what the LORD spoke to Moses while he was still in Midian, what was this? How did Pharaoh's officials and people feel about Moses?

God is the God of creation and He is the God over creation. He made the world with order, yet at His word that order can be upset. He rules over everything. We see Him intervene to create astounding situations in the land of Egypt. Each plague is said to be a judgement against one of Egypt's false gods. Rather than giving any focus to that which is not true, dwell on the fact that God showed His power over every element of the heavens, the earth, and life. No part of the land and life of the Egyptians was left untouched by the hand of the Almighty God. The LORD'S goal through the plagues was to show His power, that His name might be proclaimed on all the earth. Although these were pre-internet and social media days, news still traveled. Consider what it would be like to hear about a country enduring such plagues. Surely you would want to know the God behind such power and His ability to deliver His people. Even Pharaoh's own magicians recognized God. Yet, Pharaoh's heart was hard. He did not know the LORD and scoffed at the idea of obeying Him (5:2). Pharaoh's heart became hard (7:13), therefore the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, that His power and Name would be recognized and proclaimed.

Day 19

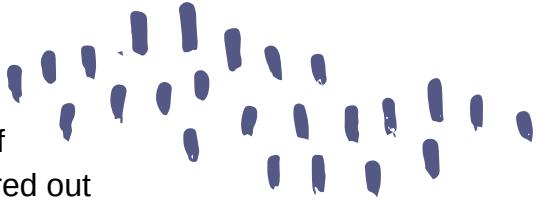
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Exodus 12-15



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Thank the LORD for the blood of Jesus, our Passover Lamb, poured out for our sins
- Ask the Lord how you can obey today.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Oh the Blood of Jesus" by Joshua Aaron

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Please look up the following verses and write down the theme.

Mark 14:1-2, 12-15, 22-25

Luke 22:1-2, 7-20

John 1:29

Acts 20:6, 1 Corinthians 5:7



Study Questions



1. What did God set as the beginning of the year? What is it called? (13:4)

2. How did the people of Israel respond to what God was about to do? (12:27)

3. Why did the people eat unleavened bread? (12:39, 13:7-10, 13:16)

4. What did Moses carry out of Egypt with him? (13:19) How did the LORD lead the people? (13:20-22)

5. How did Moses and the people respond to God saving them? (15)

The people of Israel were free after over 400 years in Egypt. Free to go to the land that God had promised Abraham, free to worship the one true God. Today, we read about the first Passover. The Feast of Passover became a remembrance to God's people of this amazing event. A way to never forget what He had done for them. As you noticed from the verses we looked up, Jesus was crucified as our Passover Lamb. The ultimate deliverance from slavery to sin. We can celebrate Passover to remember the blessing of deliverance that He worked for us. We praise Him for redeeming us and pouring out His blood as a sign of the New Covenant, which was made in His own blood. We remember that God delivered His people from slavery in Egypt and that Jesus delivered us from slavery to sin!

The Israelites found themselves free yet pursued by their oppressors. Perhaps you can relate. Free from bondage, yet still pursued by sin. Moses told the people they only needed to stand firm and be still to see the deliverance of God. Yet, the LORD says, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on." To the human eye, a sea of impossible crossing looks like a moment to be still. However, the LORD was about to do a miracle that the Israelites would never forget. He gave them complete victory over their enemies when they moved forward!

Day 20

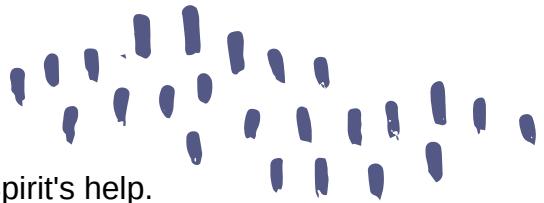
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Exodus 16-18



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Repent for grumbling and complaining. Pray for the Holy Spirit's help.
- Ask God to give you godliness with contentment, which is a great gain.
- Thank God for Who He is and for His mercy.



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Raise a Hallelujah"
by Jonathan and Melissa Helser

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Although God chose Moses to lead the people, he needed the help of others. Please note how Moses receives assistance for what God tasked him with. Leadership is not a burden to be shouldered alone. Have you ever helped someone who was leading? Have you ever led and received help from others?



Study Questions



1. In what way was the Israelite's memory of Egypt different than what their reality had been?

2. Have you experienced a season of grumbling and complaining about your own life? Have you complained about what wasn't your reality?

3. What can we learn from the Israelites skewed view of reality?

4. Why did God say the people were to gather manna daily? (16:4-5)
What happened when some did not obey?

5. What day were they allowed to gather double manna? What do we learn about the Sabbath day from this?

Jesus tells us to pray for daily bread. Needing basic necessities is not a sin. Grumbling and complaining against God over what we think we need is. Viewing deliverance from the Lord as a burden and wishing to return to a life of misery and slavery is spitting in the face of our Father, who saved us out of darkness and has called us into His glorious light. We are to present our requests with thanksgiving. We are not entitled to anything, but God in His mercy gives us so much more than we can ask or imagine. Guard your heart over grumbling and complaining.

Philippians 2:14-15 says that we will shine in the midst of a warped and crooked generation when we do everything without complaining and arguing. Perhaps you have experienced a complaining session. Everyone grumbles about the boss, or perhaps worse yet, everyone complains about their husband. A complaining and un-thankful heart is a breeding ground for sin. It says that God is not enough and it sets an awful example to the world around us. Purpose to be the person in the room who does not join in, and be bold through the Holy Spirit to instead turn the conversation to something to be thankful for!

Day 21

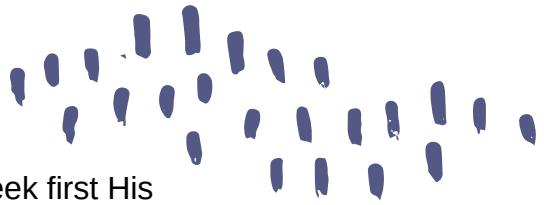
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Exodus 19-20



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the name of the LORD.
- Pray that God will help you to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness.
- Pray for wisdom, do not doubt!



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Promises"
by Naomi Raine

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

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WRITE THE WORD

Notes

The 10 Commandments are fairly agreed upon by most Believers as good for Christians to follow. Which of the 10 Commandments do you struggle with? How could you follow them better? Do you feel that it is a sin not to follow them? Do you feel that the New Testament agrees that these are good ways to live?



Study Questions



1. What did God tell Moses the people would be to Him? What were the conditions?

2. How did the people respond?

3. Observe the pattern of the 10 Commandments. What do the first four tell us how to do?

4. What do the last six commandments tell us how to do? Why do you feel that the last six seem to need less explanation?

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandments were He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."(Matthew 22:26-40) He said that all of the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments. The Law (or Torah) and the Prophets teach how to love God and neighbor. As believers, we know that the Law is written on our hearts. We have the Holy Spirit to convict us and guide us. Yet, the assumption at the end of Matthew was that we would also be taught to obey all that Jesus had commanded His disciples. (Matthew 28:17-20) As we start into the Law, please read with interest. Please don't read just to get through it. Look for ways many of these commandments are reinforced in the New Testament. Look for ways that the laws of our land actually parallel God's laws. David is called a man after God's own heart. He praises the LORD continually for His righteous rules and Laws. Try not to have an "over and done with" mindset as you read!

Day 22

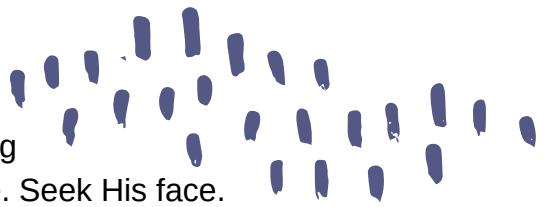
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Exodus 21-23



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Start your time by acknowledging God is holy and worthy of praise. Seek His face.
- Ask God to pour out His Spirit upon you so that you can produce the fruits of the Spirit in your life today. (Galatians 5:22-26)



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Stand In Your Love" by Josh Baldwin

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Servitude in the Hebrew culture was a means of survival. If someone became poor and could not care for themselves, their land, and their family they could sell themselves for survival. How long were they to serve? How was the one they had worked for to show them love?



Study Questions



1. What laws do you see that parallel expectations in our society?

2. What was the punishment for sorcery?

3. Read Exodus 23:6 and James 2:5-13. What connections do you see between Exodus 23:6 and James 2:5-7? What does James say about the law? What is the final sentence of this passage?

4. What was the purpose of the Sabbath year? What was the purpose of the Sabbath day? What pattern do both follow?

5. What were the three annual festivals that the people were instructed to observe? Who had to appear before the Sovereign LORD?

God is not haphazard, mean, or purposeless. He did not give these laws and instructions to His people to harm them, but rather for their good. We know that Jesus raised the bar in many ways. He lived perfectly and He called people not just to outward action, but to inward righteousness. Jesus likened hatred for others to murder. He linked lust to adultery. He loved and lived perfectly and He died to take the punishment of death for our failure to obey. When you see written that someone was to be put to death for such and such sin, remind yourself Jesus died in their place. The sacrificial system that we will soon read about was never enough to remove sin. Only the blood of the spotless Lamb of God could take away the sins of the world!

Day 23

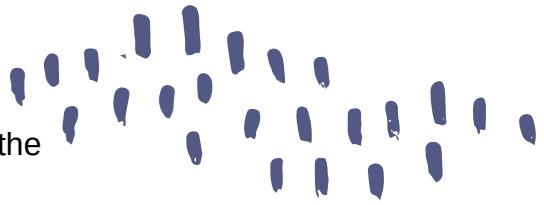
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Exodus 21-23



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Join in saying "holy, holy, holy is the LORD God Almighty.
- Ask God to remove all distractions from your heart.
- Pray that there would be unity in the body of Christ.



🎵 Worship

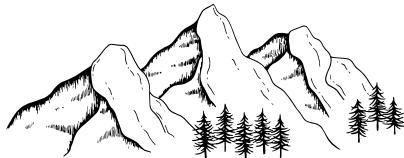
Please listen to and worship with "Great Are You "
by All Sons and Daughters

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

Please write down the parallels between Exodus 24:8 and Matthew 26:27, Mark 14:24-25, and Luke 22:20. These Covenants were made in blood. One the blood of bulls which can never take away sins, one the precious blood of Christ. Read Hebrews 10:1-10.



Study Questions



1. What did Moses set up in Exodus 24:4?

2. Please write the description of God from Exodus 24:9-11.

3. What was noteworthy about God to those who saw Him on the mountain? How did the glory of the LORD appear to the people when Moses went up to Him?

4. What did the LORD intend to give Moses on the mountain? (24:12)
This is the first mention of the commandments being written on stone.

5. What was the purpose of the sanctuary/tabernacle? (25:8) *Look up the replica at Tinma National Park in Israel if possible to visualize.

The tabernacle was a very specific design. It was not up to Moses to imagine or come up with these plans. The plans came straight from God and had to be made exactly because they were copies of heavenly realities. The book of Hebrews is essential to understanding the Tabernacle from this side of the New Covenant. I strongly encourage reading the Book of Hebrews once right now, if possible. Hebrews will help you to understand the next section of our reading from this side of the cross. It explains the priestly order that Jesus serves in. Hebrews is crucial to our understanding of connecting the OT and the NT. Remember, a shadow is cast by a real thing. In heaven, there exists the reality of the things that God commanded Moses to make. Either envision, lookup or draw it out as we read. Remember, at Jesus' death the veil of the temple into the holy of holies was torn in two; no longer are we separated from the presence of God!

Day 24

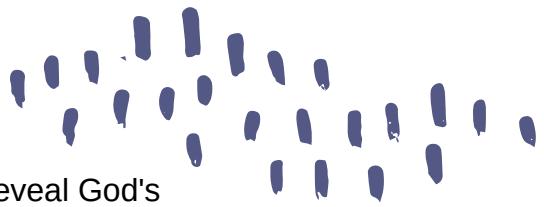
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Exodus 28-29



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you to know the truth and reveal God's Word.
- Pray that the Lord would send workers in the harvest. (Matthew 9:38)



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Rattle"
by Elevation Worship

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

What tribe were priests from? What family line were high priests to be from? Who was the first high priest of Israel? Who is our High Priest now?



Study Questions



1. Describe Aaron's garments.

2. Why did Aaron's hem need bells? (25:35)

3. Why did the LORD command garments be made for Aaron's sons?

4. What does Exodus 29 give instructions for?

5. Where was the blood to be put on Aaron and his sons?

6. Why did God bring the Israelites out of Egypt? (29:46)

Being consecrated means being set apart in God. Separated from all the rest. The first time we see the use of the Hebrew word is in Genesis 2:3. It is used to describe the seventh day of the week, the Sabbath day. God set the seventh day apart from all the rest of the days for rest. The next use is Exodus 13:2, which is used to describe the place of the firstborn being separated in God. After that, in Exodus 19 the people and the priests were to be consecrated or separated for the receiving of the commandments from God. Remembering the Sabbath to keep it holy is to consecrate it. People who set themselves aside to God's purposes are consecrated unto Him. It is a beautiful thing to be set aside for the LORD. Ask God to give you a purpose from Him to be consecrated for.



Please look up Strong's #6942, "qâdash. Look at all the ways this word is used and get a better understanding of the definition.

Day 25

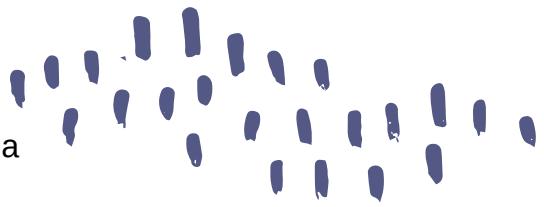
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Exodus 30-33



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Ask the LORD to help you to live a life consecrated to Him.
- Pray that God's Kingdom would come and His will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.



♫ Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Wait on You" by Elevation

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

What did Moses ask God for in Exodus 33:13? What was God's response to Moses? What did Moses consider vital? Do you feel this way about the Presence of the LORD?



Study Questions



1. What did Aaron have to do once a year? This day is called the Day of Atonement and is listed among the feast days.

2. Why did the people have to pay a ransom when they were counted? What was the offering?

3. What special instructions were given about the anointing oil and incense? Were these for anyone?

4. Who was chosen for the work of making the things needed? Who helped him?

5. The Sabbath was given as a lasting covenant. Why? (31:16-17)

6. How did Moses respond to the LORD's anger against the people?

7. Would you be willing to stand in the gap for people the way Moses did? Would you desire God to destroy others when you were righteous, or would you intercede on their behalf?

Skill and ability can be a special gifts from God. God filled Bezalel with His Spirit and gave him wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and skills. God himself enabled Bezalel for the work He needed to be accomplished. If God calls you to a task, be sure the power of the Holy Spirit will enable you for it. Do whatever you do to the glory of God and ask Him to give you the strength, stamina, energy, and joy to do all of your work without complaining or grumbling. When you seek God's Kingdom first, you can expect that He will provide what is needed!

Day 26

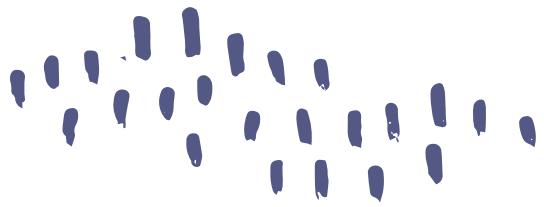
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Exodus 34-36



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Ask the LORD to help you find complete satisfaction in Him.
- Examine yourself and ask God to show you any offensive way within you.
Repent of anything He shows you.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "First Commandment"
by Let Us Worship

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

What was Moses' response to the LORD passing in front of him? How did the LORD respond?



Study Questions



1. Why did the LORD have to give Moses a second set of stone tablets?

2. What did the LORD tell Moses to do with what He told him? (34:27)

3. How long was Moses with God on Mount Sinai? What was Moses unaware of? (34:28-29) Why was his face radiant?

4. Why did Moses veil his face? (Hint: the people)

5. What ability did God give Bezalel and Oholiab beyond skill for the task of making what was needed for the tabernacle? (35:34)

6. Have you ever experienced God giving you the ability to complete a task? If so, describe that experience.

The LORD asked the people for an offering of what was needed for the construction of the tabernacle. The people gave so generously that they literally had to order that no more offerings be brought because they had more than enough for the work. Can you imagine generosity like that? For all their faults, the people were eager to give to the work that the LORD had commanded. They did not hold back their offerings from the God who delivered and sustained them.

How do you rate on the generosity scale? Are you a cheerful giver? Or, does it feel like a sacrifice to give to God and to others? When we give, we are really giving back to God what is really His. Everything we have is a gift from Him. Pray that He will give you a generous heart.

Day 27

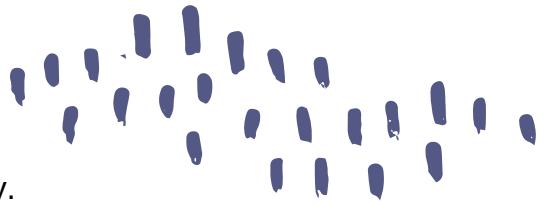
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Exodus 37-38



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the Name of the LORD.
- Invite the Holy Spirit into your day.
- Ask the Lord to help you to do everything with His strength and without complaining.



♪ Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Praise You In This Storm" by Casting Crowns

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Exodus 15:2,6 Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.



WRITE THE WORD

Notes

What was the purpose of the Ark of the Covenant?



Study Questions



Give a brief description of each of the elements of the Tabernacle.

The Ark

The Table

The Lampstand

The Altar of Incense

The Altar of Burnt Offering

The Basin

The Courtyard

God wanted to dwell among His people. The Tabernacle was a copy of heavenly realities, a picture of what was really happening in heaven. God wanted His people to live in a way that welcomed His presence. We are so blessed to live with the reality of the Holy Spirit indwelling each of us.

Tucked within today's reading is an important point worth drawing attention to. In Exodus 34:15-17, God gives a command for the people not to make treaties with the people around them. Look at the reason why. God did not want His people mixing with any part of idolatry. Choosing wives for their sons from among the nations would lead to idolatry. Later, we will sadly see this happen. Our spouse is a hugely significant decision. Wives can influence their husband's spiritual well-being. 1 Peter 3 gives God's design for this. However, if you are a mother, it is very wise to start this conversation with your kids.

Day 28

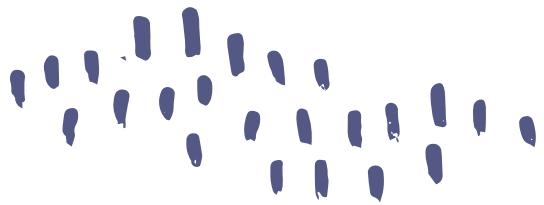
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Exodus 39-40



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray that the LORD would cause you to behold His glory with reverence and awe.
- Ask God to help you to sustain a love for His Word.



Please listen to and worship with "Too Good to Not Believe" by Bethel

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He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

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WRITE THE WORD



Have you ever had an experience where you felt God directed you on where to go or something to do? Explain.



Study Questions



1. What garments were made for the priests?

2. What was inscribed on a gold emblem for the turban of the priests?

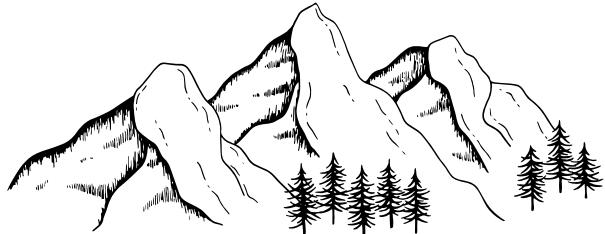
3. What did Moses do after he inspected all of the work? (39:43)

4. When was the tabernacle to be set up?

5. What happened when all the work was finished and everything was set up according to God's very specific commands?

6. How did the Israelites know when to move? (40:36-38)

What a journey through Scripture! In a month of reading, we have covered a couple thousand years of history. If this month felt like a lot, it's understandable! These events set a very important foundation for the rest of Scripture. They help us to understand Who God is and how He operates. He is not haphazard, He has a specific plan and timeline. He often uses humans to speak and prophesy those plans long before they happen. When He gives instructions He expects them to be followed. He is our Leader, Protector, and Deliver. He is the Creator of heaven and earth. Everything was created from His Word. He rules over what He created and everything is subject to the Word of God. He can alter circumstances and "nature". There is no power in heaven or on earth that is greater than He. He is the God of creation, of the burning bush, of plagues, of parting seas, of bread from heaven, and water from rocks. God invites us into a relationship with Him, He is merciful and compassionate while still being all-powerful. Continue on to know Him more. Read His Word and seek His face. Invite Him into your life and into your day to alter your story for His glory.



*thank you so much for
completing this study!*



I hope and pray that the Lord blessed you through your time in His Word. I pray that your mind will be renewed daily by the truth of Scripture and the power of the Holy Spirit. Continue on in the study habits you have created. Our relationship with God is not a study book or a program. It's as essential as air, water, and food. We must read the Bible and seek daily to live for His kingdom come and desire His will to be done. Ask God to help you to cultivate a hear and obey lifestyle. Be willing to say yes to God!



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